

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A. In the Specification

The Examiner has not entered the amendments to the specification filed on November 17, 2007, due to a discrepancy between the paragraph numbers listed in the amendment (which reflected the paragraph numbering in the published application) and those in the originally filed application.

In response, Applicant has amended paragraph [0037], [0039], [0056] and entered new paragraph [0053.1], using the paragraph numbering of the originally filed application.

No new matter has been added.

B. In the Claims

Claims 3, 11-39, and 48-66 are pending in the application. Applicant confirms that claims 39-47 have been canceled. Of the pending claims, claims 49-66 have been allowed and claims 3, 11-38, and 48-66 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claims 49-66 have been allowed. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for his courtesy during the telephone conversation of April 9, 2007.

1. Rejoinder of Claims

Claims 3, 11-38, and 48-66 had been withdrawn from consideration due the Examiner's holding that those claims were directed to species different from the species in the elected claims. Applicant hereby cancels claims 3, 11-38, and 48-66 and respectfully requests that new claims 67-74 be entered and allowed in the application.

The new claims are fully supported in the specification. More particularly:

New claims 67 and 71 are directed to the embodiment depicted in Figs. 13A-13B.

New claims 68 and 72 are directed to the embodiment depicted in Figs. 15A-15B and 16A-16B.

New claims 69 and 73 are directed to the embodiment depicted in Figs. 17A-17B.

New claims 70 and 74 are directed to the embodiment depicted in Figs. 14A-14B.

No new matter has been added.

2. Fees

The new claims are fewer in number than the canceled claims. No additional independent claims and no multiple claims have been introduced over the canceled claims. Therefore, it is believed that no additional fees are due at this time.

C. Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks submitted herein, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance.

If it is felt that direct communication would be helpful in expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of record, Franco A. Serafini, by telephone, fax, or e-mail.

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